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COORDINATING COMMITTEE

MEMORANDUM BY THE NETHERLANDS DELEGATION

INTERPRETATION OF ITEM 1521(d) - D.C. AMPLIFIERS

Referring to COCOM 3715.21/2 the Netherlands authorities are of the opinion that certain types of electrometers - other than dosimeters formerly embargoed by Item 20 of the Atomic Energy List - should now be regarded as covered by the present definition of Item 1521(d), the main constituent of the electrometer - the amplifier - being covered by Item 1521(d). Consistent application of Administrative Principle No. 3 would lead to the conclusion that the electrometers intentionally deleted by the redefinition of Item 20 of the Atomic Energy List should be regarded as under embargo.

The Netherlands authorities can in principle concur in the interpretation of the United Kingdom Delegation in differentiating electrometers which employ mainly a "vibrating condensor" from those containing a "chopper type amplifier". However in an endeavour to reach a uniform interpretation of the embargo regulations, the Netherlands authorities would prefer to redefine Item 1521(d), in order to prevent any possibility of difference in interpretation when applying Administrative Principle No. 3.

To this end the Netherlands authorities would invite the United Kingdom Delegation to differentiate clearly in the definition between the "vibrating condensor" and the "chopper type amplifier", and propose a redefinition for Item 1521(d).

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